

REMARKS

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please enter the foregoing amendments.

Claims 13-27 are now pending in the above-identified patent application, as presented by the instant Preliminary Amendment. All prior (original) claims have been cancelled. Claim 13 is the single claim presented in independent form.

The present application represents the U.S. National Phase of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/AU2004/000542, filed March 9, 2004, and claiming foreign priority on the basis of a corresponding Australian patent application, filed March 7, 2003.

By the present amendments, prior Claims 1-12 have been cancelled and substituted by new Claims 13-27, which have been drafted in conformance with U.S. claim practice.

A formal corrective amendment has also been entered into the Specification.


A substitute Abstract of the Disclosure, on a separate sheet of paper, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b), is also enclosed.

The application is now in condition for a full examination on the merits.

Accordingly, an early examination on the merits and allowance are, therefore, respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

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Enc.: Abstract of the Disclosure